

October 2014 Theme: "I Thank Christ Jesus Our Lord"

Text: 1 Timothy 4

INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN

(I) THE DANGER OF APOSTASY IN THE LAST DAYS

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith..." 1 Timothy 4:1

1. The urgency concerning the matter of apostasy

2. The cause of the apostasy

- a) Deceiving spirits (1 Timothy 4:1)
- b) Doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1)

3. The manner of apostasy

- a) Deception (1 Timothy 4:2)
- b) Warped conscience (1 Timothy 4:2)
- c) Having man-made restrictions (1 Timothy 4:3)

(II) THE DEFENCE AGAINST APOSTASY - INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN

"If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ..." 1 Timothy 4:6

1. Focus of instruction - the brethren

2. Content of instruction - These things

- a) Words of faith (1 Timothy 4:6)
- b) Good doctrine (1 Timothy 4:6)

3. Manner of instruction

- a) Command
- b) Teach

(III) THE PREPARATION NEEDED TO INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN WELL

1. Carefully following the good doctrine (1 Timothy 4:6)
2. Being nourished by words of faith (1 Timothy 4:6)
3. Exercising towards godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
4. Take heed to ourselves and the doctrine (1 Timothy 4:16)

(IV) PERSONAL APPLICATION TO INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN WELL

1. Instruct from our life and godliness
2. Instruct with love and purpose – The brethren (1 Timothy 4:6)
3. Instruct with courage and commitment against false teachings (1 Timothy 4:7)
4. Instruct to honour and love the Lord Jesus